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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for Authority to Place Certain Asset Retirement Obligations Costs in a Deferred Account

Docket No. 2006-296-G

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one (1) copy of the Notice of Appearance of Counsel in the above referenced matter. Please date stamp the extra copy enclosed and return it to me in the envelope provided.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Nelson

JMN/jea Enclosures

cc: Scott M. Tyler, Esquire

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-296-G

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for Authority to Place Certain Asset **OF COUNSEL** Retirement Obligations Costs in a Deferred Account)

TO: Scott M. Tyler, Esquire counsel for Piedmont Natural Gas Company Incorporated

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Jeffrey M. Nelson gives notice of appearance as counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff in the above-captioned matter. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-4-10 as enacted by 2004 S.C. Acts 175, the Office of Regulatory Staff is a party of record in all filings, applications, and proceedings before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Any further information or correspondence filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina should also be served on the undersigned as counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff.

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This is to certify that I, Jennifer E. Anderson, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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